

# President Wilson Has Done Our Nation the Most Serious Injury That Any Leader Can Do to Any People by Making Us Flinch With Him from a Great Moral Decision--GIFFORD PINCHOT

## MANY LIVES ARE LOST

### SPAN OF WORLD'S GREATEST BRIDGE FALLS INTO A RIVER WHILE WORKMEN ARE ON IT

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THOUSANDS SEE COLLAPSE

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QUEBEC, Sept. 11.—The span of the world's greatest bridge collapsed and fell into the St. Lawrence river Monday with a loss of life estimated at twenty-five by the St. Lawrence Bridge Company. S. T. Borden, a member of the Quebec bridge commission, expressed the opinion that only three persons were lost. Several hours after the accident happened at 10:30 o'clock a special train brought twenty men into Quebec who had been injured.

Contradictory stories were told regarding the collapse. The pontoons had been removed and the span was being lifted by massive hydraulic jacks when, according to some speculators, the northern end of the span fell with the breaking of girders. Frantic efforts were made to place a chain rope around the tottering structure, but with reports like shells exploding the remaining supports snapped and the span disappeared with a tremendous crash. Some of the observers said that the structure also buckled at the center as it fell.

Groups of men at work slipped off into the water and others were knocked off into space by flying debris. Scores of craft containing spectators went to the rescue and their endeavors prevented a larger loss of life.

Chief Engineer McMillan was among the injured brought here. He was rescued by a tug.

Five bodies have been recovered. Edward Jordanakis, 22 years old, of Providence, R. I., is among the known dead.

The engineer in charge of construction, whose name is Porter; James Anderson, a blacksmith; Alfred Cadoret, who is badly hurt; and Arthur Cadoret are among the survivors.

#### COLLAPSE OF BRIDGE IS QUITE APPALLING

QUEBEC, Sept. 11.—The new central span of the Quebec bridge, the largest cantilever suspension in the world, collapsed and fell into the St. Lawrence river while being hoisted into place Monday with a probable loss of life. Observers on shore saw numbers of workmen struggling in the water.

The bridge was being constructed at a cost of \$17,000,000 in order to shorten the railway distance from Halifax to the Canadian northwest by 200 miles.

The bridge stands on the site of the structure which collapsed on August 29, 1907, with a loss of twenty-seven lives.

The central span, which fell Monday, weighs more than 5,000 tons and was 640 feet long.

The collapse occurred when the span was about fifteen feet in the air. Early indications were that the loss of life would be heavy for there were ninety men on the structure when it fell. Some of these have been rescued.

Boats from among the hundreds of craft, on which spectators had gathered, were rushed to the spot where the span disappeared. The fallen structure sank 200 feet to the bottom of the river and engineers who witnessed the collapse expressed doubts as to whether it would ever be brought up again.

Observers said that the span broke (Continued on page 3.)

#### MRS. JARVIS BURIED.

Funeral services over the body of Mrs. Eliza Rector Jarvis, aged 79 years, who died Saturday evening at her home at Jarvisville from burns she received earlier the same day, were held at Good Hope. The funeral services were held in the Good Hope church and the burial was in the church cemetery.

#### TO OPEN STUDIO.

Miss Burns, formerly of Miss Kennedy's school, announces the opening of her studio in Clarksburg for piano students on September 15.—Advertisement.

#### TRIALS ARE BEGUN.

An appeal case from justice's court put on trial in the circuit court Monday morning is the first trial at the September term of that court. It is a case between P. F. Caulfield and E. E. Harbert. Other trials will follow.

### DARST REFUTES PROPHECY MADE BY JOHN CORNWELL

State Auditor in a Great Speech  
at Madison Pulls Facts  
and Figures.

ANSWERS WASTE CHARGE

Shows Conclusively That the  
Tax Laws of the State Are  
Not a Failure.

### EXHIBITORS BUSY AT FAIR GROUNDS

All Departments Are Filled and  
Displays Are More Numerous  
Than Ever.

Exhibitors and attaches were busy Monday on the grounds of the Central West Virginia Fair making final arrangements for the big exposition, which will open Tuesday morning and continue for three days.

The various exhibits have gone away ahead of all expectations this year and every department, including the several new ones added, is full. Foral Hall is replete with beautiful and wonderful things, the displays in the new Mechanical Hall are many and comprehensive while other departments are exceptionally big.

One of the new departments is one devoted to a display of automobiles, and this has a large number of entries, there being all kinds of motor vehicles from small runabouts to ponderous trucks, and from dainty electric to huge touring cars. The automobile department this year will be one of the big sights of the fair. Many new cars are on display as well as a number of appliances, attachments and other new inventions.

Forces of workmen were also busy along the midway and elsewhere putting up tents and the like for the numerous special attractions with which the fair will abound. Hoagland Brothers' railroad of horses, chariots and other equipment arrived at the grounds Sunday and are being put in place for the free hippodrome events, which will be a free feature of every day of the fair.

As previously announced in these columns, special programs are to be carried out at the fair this year. The first day is known as Children's Day and a splendid program of entertainment and amusement is to be carried out for the little folk. This program will start at 2:30 o'clock in the afternoon with the children all seated in the grandstand. A committee consisting of W. H. Taylor, chairman; Dr. Jesse Williams, Robert Morris, Ernest D. Lewis and Roy E. Parrish, will have charge of this feature. The second day is known as Farmers' Day and a program pertaining to things of interest to the agriculturalists will be observed. This will be in charge of W. D. Zinn, county agricultural agent, assisted by Carl S. Lawson, county superintendent of soil.

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### ALL UNION MEMBERS ARE ACTIVE FACTORS

In the Dispute between Inter-  
borough Rapid Transit Co.  
and Its Employees.

NEW YORK, Sept. 11.—With the leaders of \$750,000 labor men of Greater New York and vicinity threatening a sympathetic strike, traffic in Manhattan and the Bronx impeded and the surface system in those two boroughs and Westchester county practically tied up, the general strike situation assumed a more serious aspect Monday.

Samuel Gompers, president of the American Federation of Labor, declined to discuss the probability of a general strike, but union leaders asserted that if necessary 50,000 union men could be called out within six hours.

William B. Fitzgerald, general organizer of the Amalgamated Association of Electric and Street Railway Employees, which is conducting the strike, in a statement issued Monday asserted that the "effort" of local traction interests to destroy the union "is the forerunner of a movement by capital to crush organized labor throughout the country."

"President Wilson just had enacted (Continued on page 3.)

#### MATCH PLAYING FATAL.

ALLIANCE, O., Sept. 11.—Nelson Christy died of burns received while playing with matches early Monday. James, an old brother, and Ruth, a younger sister, were probably fatally burned while trying to rescue him while rolling him on a bed. Three years ago an older sister died in the same manner.

### HARRY BALDINE IS ARRESTED AGAIN

In Connection with the Murder  
of Lee Rankin, a Mine  
Superintendent.

MARTINS FERRY, O., Sept. 11.—Harry Baldine, who was suspected of the murder and robbery of Mine Superintendent Lee Rankin on Saturday and was later released, is again under arrest, and the police assert that a charge of murder will likely be lodged against him.

Some boys found Sunday the strong box that was taken from Rankin's automobile by the robbers. The lock had not been broken and the money was intact.

Detectives were placed to guard it until a wagon could be brought to carry it away. In the meantime Baldine, who had been released because of lack of evidence, made his way to the scene of the strong box and surprised the detectives, who again placed him in custody. He could not explain where he obtained knowledge of the location of the strong box, and was again locked up.

### INDIANS RAID

Santa Barbara, Sonora, and  
Kill Fifteen Chinese Resi-  
dents of the Place.

NOGALES, Ariz., Sept. 11.—Yaquis Indians raided Santa Barbara, Sonora, twenty miles southeast of here, Sunday, killing fifteen Chinamen, according to reports received at the Commandancia in Nogales, Sonora.

Fifty-five Indians made up the band which recently rode rapidly north from the Hermosillo district, burning, killing and looting.

#### COUNTY COURT.

The county court began its September term Monday morning. Frank Anderson qualified before the court as a notary public with bond at \$4,000 and B. F. Anderson surety.

#### HAS PNEUMONIA.

James Ridenour, a well known carpenter of Sycamore street, has been quite ill of pneumonia for several days.

### PROGRESSIVE LEADER BURNS WILSON ALIVE

Mrs. H. H. Moss, who visited her  
daughter, Mrs. Charles B. Alexander,  
left Sunday night for Baltimore.

#### CECIL HOWARD CONFESSES.

Cecil Howard, colored, confessed Monday morning in Magistrate Jackson V. Carter's court to a warrant charging him with violating the anti-weapon law and was given the minimum sentence of six months on the county roads and a \$50 fine. Howard was arrested in Water street Saturday night by Constable R. J. Bartlett.

### FRENCH REPULSE GERMAN ATTACKS

#### TO ORGANIZE CLUB.

A Clarksburg Young Men's Republican Club will be organized at a meeting to be held at 8 o'clock tonight at Republican county headquarters, 912 Goff building. All persons who were members of the club in 1914 and all young Republicans are cordially invited to attend. There will be plenty of seats and a large attendance is urged.

### WILSON GOES

To the Bedside of His Sister,  
Mrs. Howe, Who is Seriously  
Ill in New London.

LONG BRANCH, N. J., Sept. 11.—Cancelling all engagements, President Wilson left here early Monday to go to the bedside of his sister, Mrs. A. E. Howe, who is critically ill at her home in New London, Conn. The president motored to New York and will finish the trip by train.

The president arose before 7 o'clock after having spent a restless night. He appeared greatly concerned over his sister's illness.

The departure of the president did not delay the opening Monday of the summer executive offices at Ashbury Park, by a staff of White House clerks.

### MAILS RIFLED

Money Orders Addressed to  
Mail Order Houses Extract-  
ed on a Large Scale.

HAVANA, Sept. 11.—An official order of the postoffice department issued Monday disclosed that the extraction of money orders addressed to mail order houses in the United States has been in progress here. An elevator operator has been arrested in connection with the case and five others are under accusation.

#### MRS. BARNES INDICTED.

CHICAGO, Sept. 11.—An indictment charging Mrs. Iva Barnes with the murder of her husband, James R. Barnes, was returned Monday by the Cook county grand jury and she was held without bail. Her attorneys are to make application for bail late today.

### VOTERS OF MAINE ARE OUT IN FORCE

To Elect Governor, Two United  
States Senators, Four Con-  
gressmen and Others.

PORTLAND, Me., Sept. 11.—Voters of Maine to the number of 140,000 went to the polls Monday to elect a governor, two United States senators, four representatives in Congress, a state attorney general and a state auditor.

National issues have been brought to the fore and party leaders brought hundreds of speakers into state, including former Justice Hughes, former Vice President Fairbanks, and members of President Wilson's cabinet to persuade the voters to line up with or against the national executive and the majority in Congress.

Maine, however, is normally Republican and the Democratic leaders insisted that something more than a scant Republican victory would be required to constitute repudiation of

the administration, while a Democratic plurality, however small, would be accepted by them as an endorsement.

Fair weather prevailed and this was expected to cause a big vote, equally desired by both sides.

The state officers are now Democratic and the party has now one United States senator and one of the four congressmen.

In 1914 the Progressives cast 18,226 votes for governor. How their vote will split Monday was a matter of dispute.

Both sides claimed they will receive sufficient Progressive support to carry the election. The polls opened at 6 o'clock and must close no later than 5 p. m. Many returns will be slow as some twenty towns and plantations are without telegraphic or telephonic communication with the outside. However, the results should be indicated before midnight.

#### BRITISH TROOPS TAKE OFFENSIVE IN GREECE

PARIS, Sept. 11.—British troops on the front on Greek Macedonia took the offensive Sunday night. They crossed the Struma river, the war office announced Monday, and attacked the Bulgarians, who are resisting desperately.

#### RUSSIAN ATTEMPTS ARE ALL FRUSTRATED

BERLIN, Sept. 11.—Russian attempts to capture the town of Halicz on the Danister in Galicia regarded as the key to the defenses of Lemberg from the southeast, have been frustrated by the Teutonic forces, according to Monday's official war office statement.

#### AUTO ACCIDENT

Results in One Death and Fatal  
Injuries to Man with Three  
Girls Badly Hurt.

BLUEFIELD, Sept. 11.—Edith Bailey, aged 20, was instantly killed, her father, W. L. Bailey, probably fatally hurt, and three younger Bailey girls are in a hospital badly hurt as a result of their automobile turning turtle Sunday night. The party was returning from a family picnic when the machine skidded and turned over, pinning the occupants beneath.

#### BIG FIRE.

VANCOUVER, B. C., Sept. 11.—Fire of unknown origin Monday destroyed the buildings of the Pacific Steel Products Company with a property loss estimated at \$150,000. The plant had been in operation only five weeks.

#### TO WEIGH BREAD

Are Housewives of Chicago and  
Thus Aid in Testing the  
Weights of Loaves.

CHICAGO, Sept. 11.—Housewives of Chicago were Monday urged to weigh bread they buy and to assist the city department of weights and measures in watching local bakers for violations of the anti-trust laws and ordinances against short weights.

The recommendation came from W. C. Cluett, in charge of this part of the department's work, who announced that he would have a corps of inspectors scattered over Chicago Monday to test the weights of loaves.

Courage Would Have Given Us  
Self-Respect as Nation and  
Not Skidding Acts.

NEGLECT IS UNFORGIVABLE

Leaves Us without a Friend  
among Great Nations of the  
World as War Nears End.

(By Gifford Pinchot.)

PHILADELPHIA, Sept. 11.—It is the duty of every American citizen to make and support openly his choice among the candidates for the presidency. That duty is especially solemn this year because great events and great decisions are certain to confront us during the next administration.

I am neither a Democrat nor a Republican, but a Progressive. Yet, there being no Progressive nominee, unless I choose to support a candidate who can not be elected, I must vote for either Wilson or Hughes.

Forced to Change View.  
For many months after his inauguration, I thought well of President Wilson. In many respects I liked what he said about what he was going to do. He talked well and made a good impression. It was only when I began to check up what he said by what he did that I was forced to change my view.

In the end I came to see that President Wilson has a greater power than any other man in public life to say one thing but do another, and get away with it.

The facts which justify this statement are common knowledge. We have all heard him tell Germany publicly that it would be held to strict accountability; and have learned that he had actually let it know secretly at the time, by the mouth of his secretary of state through the Austrian ambassador, that what he said he did not mean. We have all seen him prove that he did not mean it by his total failure to exact reparation, apology, or even disavowal for the murder of Americans on the Lusitania.

I do not say that Wilson should have thrust us into war. There was no need of war. But there was need of courage to give us peace with self-respect. If Wilson had shown courage this country would not have skidded from one crisis to the next, again and again narrowly escaping disaster.

We have all heard him declare against intervention in Mexico, while actually intervening to dictate who should and who should not hold office there; and denounce war against Mexico while actually engaged in war.

Wilson Convicts Self.  
With war on every side of us, we all heard him, in his second annual message, solemnly assure the country that we had not been negligent of national defense. It was not true; and later on he himself proved that it was not true by proclaiming aloud the need for what he had solemnly assured us we already had.

For more than a year after the world war began, Wilson did not raise a finger to put us in a condition of defense. Only the proverbial good luck of America has kept us from paying the bitterest price for his unforfeitable neglect.

We have all heard him ridicule the idea of a greater navy, then declare for incomparably the greater navy in the world, and then go back on that.

We have all heard him declare for exempting our coast-wise trade from tolls in the Panama canal; and have seen him show our own people and the English that he did not mean it.

Disregards His Pledge.  
We have seen him elected on a platform which pledged him to a single term as president, and then

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